

REMARKS

Claims 1-38 are pending in the application. Claims 1-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chawla et al. in view of Chen et al. Claims 1, 15 and 29 have been amended. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently herewith. Reconsideration and reexamination of the application in view of the amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chawla in view of Chen. Claims 1, 15 and 29 have been amended to recite the additional limitation “identifying a memory type of the nonvolatile memory to determine appropriate commands to be sent.” Support for this limitation is found at page 8 line 25, to page 9 line 4 of the specification. With these amendments to claims 1, 15 and 29, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection has been overcome.

The added limitation of “identifying a memory type of the nonvolatile memory to determine appropriate commands to be sent” helps send commands that are suitable for the type of nonvolatile memory, which may contain different block boundaries and addresses, and may require different commands to perform erase and write functions.

Chawla and Chen both fail to disclose, teach or suggest identifying a memory type of the nonvolatile memory to determine appropriate commands to be sent. Both Chawla and Chen are completely silent as to the memory type. Accordingly, unlike the claimed invention, both Chawla and Chen are limited to a known memory type for which known commands can be generated.

Because neither Chawla nor Chen, alone or in combination, discloses, teaches or suggests all of the limitations of amended claims 1, 15 and 29, and because claims 2-14 depend from amended claim 1, claims 16-28 depend from amended claim 15, and claims 30-38 depend from amended claim 29, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1-38 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chawla in view of Chen has been overcome.

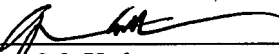
In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If, for any reason, the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 892-5752 to discuss any steps necessary to place the application in condition for allowance.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing Docket No. 491442002000.

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